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SUBJECT: NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE: BELGIAN VIEWS

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1. INVOLVEMENT OF MOST RESREPS IN UNIDO MEETINGS WHICH CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 15 HAS PREVENTED US FROM GLEANING MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPING ATTITUDES TOWARD ISSUES THAT MUST BE FACED AT NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE (ZANGGER COMMITTEE) MEETING MAY 16-17. HOWEVER, BELGIAN (DE LIEDEKERKE) TOLD MISOFF MAY 3 THAT PRELIMINARY VIEWS HIS GOVERNMENT ARE THAT NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN COMMITTEE'S TRIGGER LIST OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS PRIOR TO ALREADY SCHEDULED REVIEW OF LIST IN SEPT 1974, IE., NO CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE OFFERED TO SOVIETS TO OBTAIN THEIR ADHERENCE TO LIST. HE SAID THIS IS TENDING TO BECOME COMMON EC VIEW AS WELL.

2. BELGIAN POINTED OUT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER BEEN DIRECTLY INTERESTED IN SOVIET CO- OPERATION, EXCEPT AS
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A MEANS TO ENCOURAGE FRENCH TO DO LIKEWISE. HE SAID EFFORTS WERE UNDERWAY IN COMMUNITY TO WORK OUT COMMON EC POLICY ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS. (COMMENT: HE GAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO SOMETHING MORE THAN BRITISH APPROACHES IN PARIS (IAEA VIENNA 0312), WHICH HE MENTIONED SEPARATELY. LIEDEKERKE ALSO GAVE IMPRESSION HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS.) THEREFORE, IF SOVIETS WILLING ACCCPT COMMITTEE' S TRIGGER LIST, FINE; BUT IF NOT, BELGIUM WOULD NOT BE GREATLY CONCERNED.

3. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL OTHR MEMBERS HAD MADE SOVIET ADHERENCE A CONDITION OF THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION, AND THEREFORE, IF BELGIAN POSITION PREVAILED, WHOLE EXERCISE LIKELY TO COME APART; IN ANY EVENT, THERE WOULD BE NO GENERALLY AGREED LIST BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1974. BELGIAN ALSO VERY RELAXED ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY. HE AGAIN REFERRED TO PROSPECT THAT EC WOULD WORK OUT ITS OWN INTERNAL POLICY ON THIS SUBJECT AND IMPLIED THAT WOULD SUFFICE FOR TIME BEING. HE DID NOT SEE ANY GREAT URGENCY ABOUT AGREEMENT AMONG ALL NUCLEAR EXPORTERS ON DEFINITION OF THEIR NPT OBLIGATIONS.

4. COMMENT: BELGIAN POSITION ECHOES GERMAN AND JAPANESE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT LAST MEETING OF COMMITTEE AND INDICATES DIFFICULTY WE WILL ENCOUNTER IN PERSUADING COMMITTEE TO MAKE SUGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS. INERTIA AND COMMERCIAL PRESSURES WILL BE OVERCOME ONLY IF GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMON FRONT BY NUCLEAR EXPORTERS. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER APPROACHES IN SELECTED CAPITALS BEFORE MAY 16 IN EFFORT FOCUS POLICY- LEVEL ATTENTION ON CONSEQUENCES OF EVERY EXPORTER GOING IT ALONE, OR COMMUNITY PRESENTING US, SOVIETS & OTHERS WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. APPROACHES, IF MADE, SHOULE NOT OF COURSE REFER TO BELGIAN VIEWS GIVEN US IN CONFIDENCE.
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